

LASHING FIRE CUTS INTO BANKS

Halemaumau Lake Increases in Size and Shows Unusual Activity and Force.

THE BANK TOPPLES DOWN

Graphic Description of Recent Phenomena in Kilauea's Burning Pit.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

HILA, July 28.—At midnight on Tuesday, July 26, after the prohibition votes had been counted, there were great things doing in the pit of Halemaumau. The small pit that has, for weeks, been forming on the south side of the main pit, and which has been gradually increasing in size, suddenly broke out into a great mass of the rock fall and were sucked into the fiery vortex. The result has been to change the shape of the pit from oblong to circular and to enlarge its size by fully twenty-five per cent. The whole floor became a seething mass of lurid fire, and the noise, as the side of the cliff fell in, increased from the rattle of ridery to the roar of cannon. Those who were at the pit and fortunate enough to see the sudden change in Hawaii's volcano were Mr. and Mrs. Alexander of Lihue, Kauai, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Tracy.

Graphic Description.

In describing the events of the night Mr. Tracy wrote to a friend in Honolulu as follows:

"On the east end the floor, formed by the lake in January, 1910, has broken down to the edge of the main pit and a new secondary pit, connected to the main one by a narrow opening, has been formed. The main fire has since away the walls to the left as the lake sank from its level of January, 1910, until now this floor projects only about one hundred to one hundred and fifty feet out from the old walls of the big pit. A descent to this floor may easily be had from the east side.

Explosion in the Pit.

"The best viewpoint proved to be from the east where a rough shelter of stone has been built. Two fountains, one on the northwest and one on the southwest, with a smaller one near it, kept continuously spouting and upheaving with attendant crashes and roars. The surface was irregularly seamed with fire, the southwest shore was an overhanging ledge and underneath was a continuous play of fire. This state held till about half-past eleven that night, when there was a roar as of a mighty storm in a pine forest and from great dark cloud of smoke rose from the eastern end of the pit and shut out our view. This cleared and showed a new source of activity in the northern edge of the lake. It was a white vortex, and from all sides great islands of lava, like rafters in the rapids, were tossed hither and thither, turned over and over and then sucked down into the fiery hole. Soon half the lake was involved and rushing toward this point when suddenly, like a bottle being filled with water, it filled and boiled forth again, tossed, became quiet and disappeared.

Old Lake Breaks Out.

"The whole surface was now agitated, flowing twice as rapidly and in a new direction, to the south, where a new fire broke out and the old fire on the eastern end of the lake rushed toward it. Again the smoke closed down, while the crash and roar redoubled. As it cleared a swarm of fire, like lightning in a black sky, shot across the northern floor of the pit, which was then all black, and a great island floated off toward the southern end. This engulfed the lake by one-half, and the crash and roar of the fountains redoubled their fury, shooting columns of fire high in all directions. This continued, lasted for about fifteen minutes, when another big slice of the shore was pulled away by the current, then another piece slipped away, making the lake nearly double the original size, and the liquid fire covering nearly the whole pit."

Geologist on Hand.

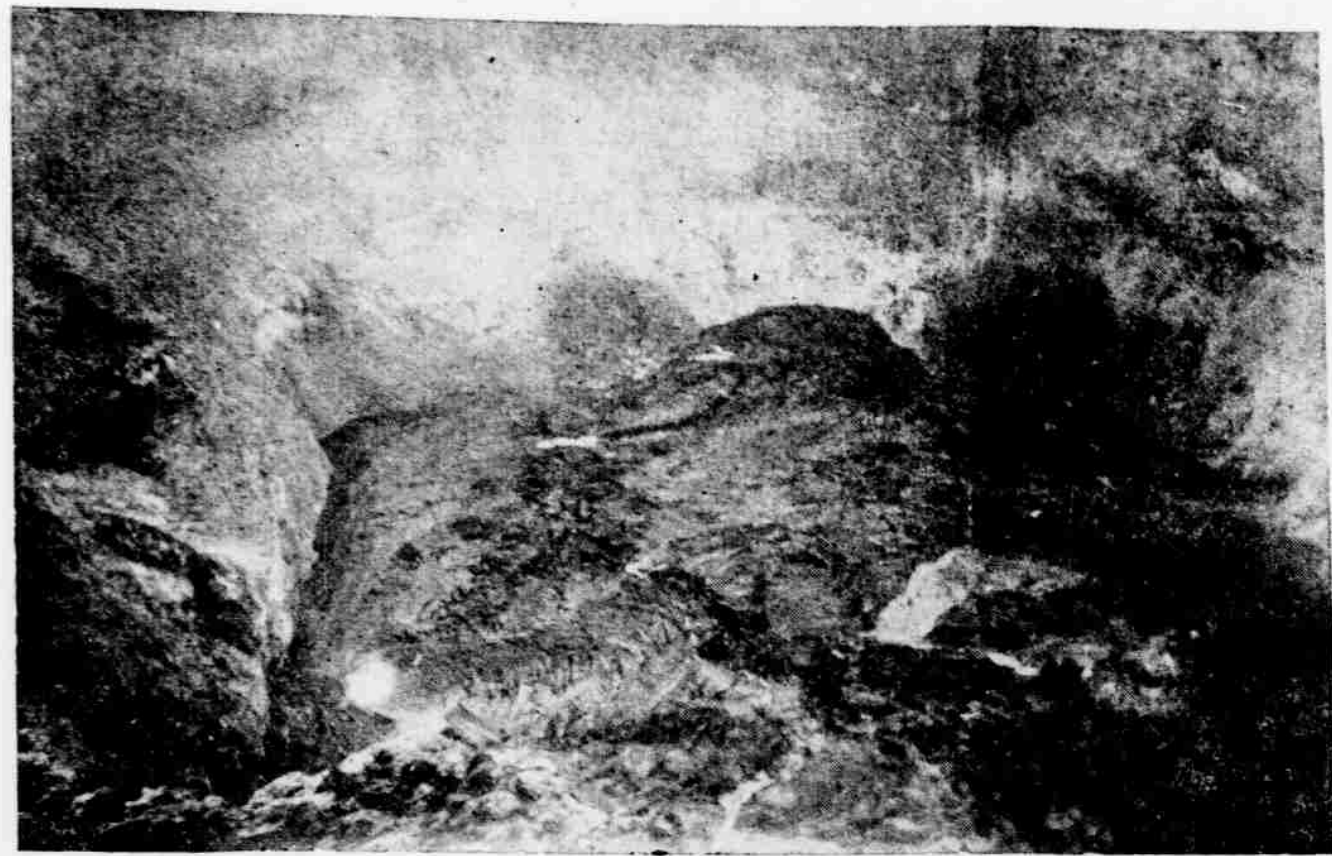
Down somewhere in the big water was the Swiss geologist and scientist, Mr. Bruns. He had gone down with a pile of test and provisions to stay for a couple of days. On previous expeditions he had pumped smoke from the pit through a long rubber tube into a glass tube. Rock and lava of all kinds were broken off by his hammer, and he seemed to be particularly pleased with some pieces of stone that he found.

The day after the volcanic disturbance, on nine in the morning, the sun and moon were clearly visible at equal distances above the eastern and western horizons in a clear sky, the light of the sun not dimming the light of the nearly full moon.

New Cone Formed.

On Thursday morning early a new (Continued on Page Five.)

Halemaumau---Where the Fire Surge Plays

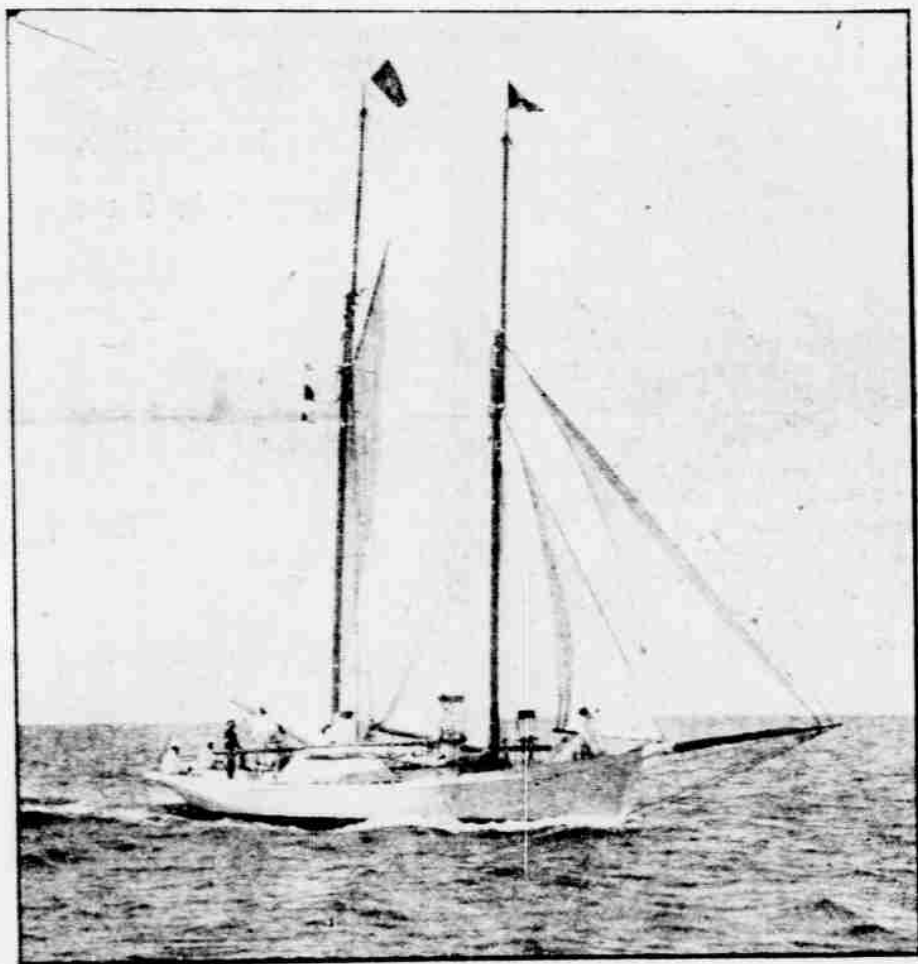


THE INTERIOR OF THE FIRE PIT.

(From a recent photograph.)

SWEETHEART IN DANGER OF BEING CONFISCATED BY THE AUTHORITIES

Transpacific Yacht Arrived Without Papers and Customs Officials Regard That as Height of Maritime Imprudence ---Cabling for Explanations.



THE YACHT SWEETHEART.

A conflict of official regulations between the United States customs departments of Honolulu and San Pedro is causing considerable annoyance to Commodore Smith of the South Coast Yacht Club over his Sweetheart which came in second in the transpacific race. The yacht came into port without a license and any vessel that can not show clearance papers from a foreign port or a license of register from a domestic port is liable to forfeiture, according to the letter of the law. An official has declared that the penalty under the law was forfeiture and left no alternative. He explained, however, that if any action were taken in the matter it would have to be adjudicated by the United States circuit court, and if the owner of the vessel could show any good reason why he could not produce a certificate of registration the penalty might be waived.

Applied For Certificate.

Commodore Smith explains that he had applied for registration of the Sweetheart three months ago at the port of San Pedro and the officials there were waiting for the registration number to come from Washington so that they could make out the certificate.

The commodore said that the San Pedro officials refused to provide him with temporary papers when he sailed for the Islands to use until the registration number could be learned and assured him that no license would be necessary for him to enter the port of Honolulu. Now the customs people are holding him up for the papers and he is waiting for the registration number to come from Washington so that they could make out the certificate.

Mr. Smith declared to an Advertiser reporter that the Sweetheart had never been registered before and he had entered practically all the harbors on the Coast without being required to show anything beyond a bill of health.

The officials in charge at the customhouse, in the absence of Collector Stackable, seemed to think it very much out of order for a ship owner to expect that his vessel could be entered without any papers and they were skeptical about the application having been made. There was no reason why it should take three months for a registration number to reach San Pedro from Washington, they said, and they were not prepared to say what sort of an adjustment could be made.

BURGLAR BURGLED POLICEMAN'S HOUSE

Whatever else may be said about the thieves who rob in the night in Honolulu, at least one must give them credit for plenty of gull. Last night one of them burglarized the house of a Honolulu policeman, J. W. Hummel, who lives on Banyan street. The officer and his wife went out for the evening, taking in the picture shows. The thief was also out, taking in the policeman's money to the extent of thirteen dollars and the policeman's wife's gold watch and other jewelry. Entrance to the house was effected through an unlocked window. Chief McDuffie is on the trail of the daring burglar, and has his suspicions.

TO SAIL LAST OF PEARL RACES IN HARBOR TODAY

The last of the triple series of pearl races, gotten up by the Honolulu Yacht Club, will be sailed this afternoon over the usual course in the harbor. The Viking holds the lead, having captured two legs on the Myrtle cup, but as the races are run on points-five, three and one, according to place at the finish—the other boats still have a chance.

Miss Alice Roth, while driving her auto yesterday at noon, drove it into a rapid transit car at the junction of Beretania and Alakea streets. The auto was damaged and the running board was damaged and the running board was damaged and the running board was damaged.

LAND NOTICES TO THE RUSSIANS

Perelstrous Will Have Pamphlets Printed on Coast for the Land Office.

A. W. Perelstrous, whose arrival in Hawaii some months ago resulted in the Russian immigration project, left yesterday for the Coast, en route to Vancouver, where he will take up with some correspondents the question of gathering a few thousand laborers and settlers for western Canada. While in San Francisco he expects to call on M. Rojevsky, the Russian consul for San Francisco and Honolulu, to learn if any representations have been made on the part of the Russian authorities in opposition to further Russian immigration into Hawaii.

Mr. Perelstrous expects to be away from Honolulu about five weeks. He took with him a copy of the notice being issued by the land commissioner in regard to the manner in which the public lands of the Territory can be taken up in homesteads. While on the way to the Coast he will translate this notice into Russian for the land office and will have a number of pamphlets printed from his translation in Russian for circulation in Hawaii among the immigrants, some of whom have expressed a desire to become homesteaders here. Mr. Perelstrous is of the opinion that if a few Russian families are able to acquire land here and settle down on it as an example to the others there will be no further migration of the Russians to California, while the news that homesteads can be obtained here by the Russians will have a stimulating effect upon future Russian immigration.

The report that Perelstrous has been "summoned" by the Russian ambassador at Washington or any of the Russian consulates is merely a rumor exaggerated, and is without the slightest foundation. It is not improbable that he will travel as far east as Washington and will call upon the Russian ambassador, but should he do so it will be because he is doing some investigating, not being investigated himself.

CUSTOMS OFFICERS LOOK FOR DOPE ON FREIGHTER

If there is any opium aboard the American-Hawaiian freighter Arizona, which the customs authorities strongly suspect since finding a small amount in the hand luggage of Chinese members of the steward's department, it will probably be located, as representatives of the customs service were aboard the freighter when she left port for Port Allen and Kahului.

WASEDAS AND CHINESE PLAY ODD GAME TODAY

The Wasedas will have the final go with the Chinese team of the Oahu league for the best two out of three games at Athletic Park this afternoon, beginning at about half-past three o'clock. The Portuguese and the Japanese teams of the Oahu league will play the first game of the afternoon which is scheduled to start at half past one.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS TO BE INVESTIGATED

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The government has decided to make an official investigation into the cause of infantile paralysis, which is prevalent throughout the country and which has claimed thousands of children as victims.

DISAGREEMENTS STIR DOCTORS

Can Not Agree on the Condition of Cows Supposed to React to Tuberculin Tests.

NORGAARD TO BE CHALLENGED

One Cow's Poison Is Another Cow's Pie—Markets Bar the Diseased Meat.

Disagreement has arisen between veterinarians over the tuberculin tests lately made by Doctor Norgaard as territorial veterinarian in which four hundred head of milk cows were found to react to the tests and were condemned.

Another prominent veterinarian was called in by one of those whose herd had been almost annihilated, or would have been if Norgaard's condemnations were obeyed and the cows killed. The herd consisted of eight cows of which five or six were declared by Doctor Norgaard to react to the test and to be consequently tubercular, unfit, according to city ordinance to supply milk to the public. Deeming the money involved too great and the matter too serious to take the word of one doctor a second was called in to make an examination.

To his tests four or five showed absolutely no signs of the disease and the other reacted slightly. The question will be raised in official circles if possible and the board of agriculture will be asked to settle the doubts placed upon its representative's work. Should Norgaard's tests prove to be erroneous in this case almost seven hundred cows will have to be examined. By his orders a great many have already been killed and the ghosts of these might yet confront the territorial veterinarian in an unpleasant manner.

If the federal law, as stated by Norgaard, permits the sale of tubercular meat providing it passes the regulations of the government, the local slaughter house and meat companies are not taking advantage of it, having answered to the agitation aroused against its sale by barring it from their counters.

The Hawaii Meat Company, which owns and controls the only slaughter house on the island (at Kalihi) advertises that it uses the carcasses of the cows killed through condemnation only to be boiled down for tallow.

The Metropolitan Meat Market, Yee Hop and others have all advertised that they do not and will not sell tubercular meat.

With the meat question safely disposed of by the willingness of the meat companies to deliver only wholesome meat to the city, the question of milk remains to be settled. The case mentioned where Norgaard's tests are disputed is not the only one in the city and retests have been made or will be made in nearly every dairy which has suffered through the strict examinations of the territorial officials.

HUSBAND AND WIFE BEATEN BY LODGER

Sheriff Jarrett received a report last night from a chauffeur who stated that while carrying a load of passengers from town to the upper end of Manoa late yesterday afternoon, one of the passengers, a part-Hawaiian named Richardson, suddenly began to beat a woman, named Holt, who was sitting in the front seat with the driver. He stated that the young man dragged the woman around and beat her badly.

A little later he jumped the chauffeur and proceeded to beat him unmercifully. Richardson is reported to be one of the strongest men in town and the chauffeur was badly beaten. His only offense was that he had sat in the same seat with the woman of whom Richardson seemed insanely jealous. The chauffeur reported the matter and asked the sheriff to arrest him as he feared he would kill the woman and possibly himself.

Later it was learned that about five days ago Richardson, who is living with the Holts, had a fight with the woman's husband and beat him in a terrible manner. The young man feared for his life and left town, going into the country. He is employed in a downtown office, and his absence made it awkward for the office force, as he had keys to several compartments and new keys had to be fitted. The assault on the husband was vicious, and he ran away to escape his lodger and remained away from home for the remainder of the week. The chauffeur yesterday knew nothing of this family trouble when he was employed to take the party into Manoa Valley.

This matter has also been reported to one or two of the supervisors, on the ground that the sheriff failed to take any immediate steps to apprehend the assailant. Supervisor Quinn states that he believes such procrastination has been the cause of so many murders of women in the last few months.

A mounted patrolman was sent to Upper Manoa yesterday evening to look for Richardson.

GIRL SLAYER IS RUN TO EARTH

Joseph Wendling, Supposed to Be Murderer of Little Alma Kellner, Caught.

CHASE WAS A LONG ONE

Crime a Dastardly One—Wendling Denies That He Is the Man Wanted.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—Joseph Wendling, the French army deserter, who was janitor of the St. John's Church of Louisville, Kentucky, in the basement of which was found the body of little Alma Kellner, was arrested here yesterday and charged with the murder of the child.

Alma Kellner disappeared in December last, it being thought at first that she had been kidnapped and was being held for ransom. A few days later Wendling also disappeared, although at the time there was no supposed to be any connection between the incidents. Later, in May last, the decomposing body of the girl was found buried in quicklime beneath the basement of the church and Wendling was at once suspected. His wife, who had remained in Louisville, was arrested in the hope that she could furnish some clue to her husband's whereabouts, but she apparently was as much in the dark as the authorities and she was subsequently released.

The authorities traced Wendling from one western city to another, finally running him to earth yesterday afternoon. When the detectives finally located him he was hiding under a sink house on Third street. He acknowledges his identity but denies that he had anything whatever to do with the murder of the girl.

The pursuit of Wendling has been one of the most remarkable in the history of detective work in America. The trail was lost repeatedly, only to be picked up again and the chase continued.

SERIOUS RACE RIOTS IN TEXAS

SLOCUM, Texas, July 31.—Serious race riots broke out here yesterday and desperate fighting has occurred between bands of armed whites and negroes. According to the reports in circulation last night, eighteen negroes are known to be dead as a result of the fighting, while other reports place the number as high as forty. A number of whites have been more or less seriously wounded, but none are dead.

The militia has been ordered out to suppress the feud and is expected to arrive here in sufficient force today.

INSANE MOTHER'S HORRIBLE DEED

ANTIOCH, California, July 31.—A mother yesterday drowned four of her younger children in a bathtub and attempted to kill her two elder children in the same manner. The two made their escape, their screams attracting the attention of Sheriff Vende, who was passing the farmhouse. The woman is evidently insane.

MORE MILITIA AGAINST STRIKERS

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 30.—Two more regiments of militia are on the way to help keep the peace and protect property during the street-car strike. The situation today was quiet, there being no serious outbreaks.

RAIN TORRENTS RESULT IN DEATHS

DENVER, Colorado, July 29.—Torrential rains are reported to be falling throughout the States and in New Mexico. The downpour is most exceptional. No property damage has yet been reported, but several lives have been lost in the floods that have swept the hitherto dry water courses.

FORMER SECRETARY OF TREASURY DYING

NEW YORK, July 31.—John Griffon Carlisle, who was secretary of the treasury in President Cleveland's cabinet, is dying.

DEFAULTER OWNS UP.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Cashier Winder of the Russo-Chinese bank made a full confession following his arrest yesterday. He admits having taken for his own use \$600,000 of the bank's funds.